

## REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are currently active.

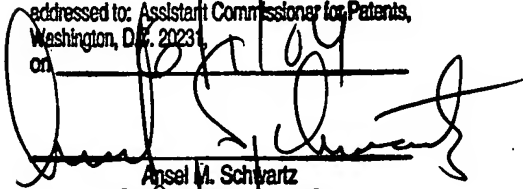
Claims 10-28 have been canceled.

The Examiner has placed a restriction requirement on the above-identified patent application. Applicant elects species III having figures 16-18 and corresponding Claims 1-9, without traverse.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections and objections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn, and Claims 1-9, now in this application be allowed.

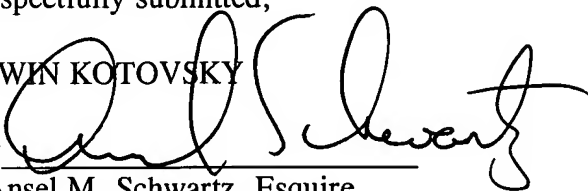
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